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HEW Health Programs Are Reorganized

A second major step in the organization and strengthening of the health activities of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was announced April 1, by Acting Secretary Wilbur J. Cohen. (*NLM NEWS*, March 1968)

Under the new organization two new operating agencies have been established:

> The National Library of Medicine, the Bureau of Health Manpower, and the present NIH will form the reconstituted *National Institutes of Health*. Mr. Cohen announced that "The National Library of Medicine will continue to serve as the Department's vital center for health communications and related scientific information systems development."
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> All other Public Health Service programs including the National Institute of Mental Health, the Bureau of Health Services, the Bureau of Disease Prevention and Environmental Control, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the Partnership for Health Program will comprise the *Health Services and Mental Health Administration*.

These two new agencies, along with the present *Food and Drug Administration*, will make up an expanded and more comprehensive Public Health Service. Dr. William H. Stewart, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, retains that title and becomes principal deputy to Assistant Secretary Lee.

Commenting on the reorganization, NLM Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D., noted that Secretary Cohen's emphasis on NLM's continued role as the "Department's vital center for health communications" is of particular significance to the biomedical community. "Referring to the Library's unique broad responsibilities recognizes and emphasizes the importance of our task to improve and accelerate the flow of biomedical information," Dr. Cummings said. "We regard the Secretary's stressing NLM's 'scientific information systems development' as a mandate for the application, as rapidly as possible, of modern technology to biomedical communications."

Dr. James A. Shannon, Director of the National Institutes of Health, was named Director of the newly constituted NIH. Dr. Robert Q. Marston, Director of the Division of Regional Medical Programs, was named Acting Administrator of the Health Services and Mental Health Administration. Dr. James L. Goddard will continue as Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

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NLM Director Cited

Martin M. Cummings, M.D., Director, NLM has been accorded the highest recognition conferred by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Dr. Cummings earned the Distinguished Service Award "For his outstanding performance as a medical educator and administrator in planning, developing and directing innovational programs for the improvement of biomedical communications." He had previously been recipient of the Department's Superior Service Award.

Quarterly Toxicity Bibliography to be Published

Dr. Charles N. Rice, NLM Associate Director for Specialized Information Services, announced the impending publication of the quarterly *Toxicity Bibliography*. The decision to publish follows the widespread review and approval of two earlier pilot issues by advisory consultants in toxicology.

The new publication, covering the period January-March 1968, will be distributed by the Library in April without charge. Subscriptions for future issues will be available from the Superintendent of Documents at an annual cost of some $3-4.

The *Toxicity Bibliography* covers the adverse and toxic effects of drugs and chemicals reported in the approximately 2,300 biomedical journals indexed by the Library and retrieved from the MEDLARS file.

Requests for the January-March 1968 issue will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Address requests to the Office of Public Information, National Library of Medicine. Information for ordering the *Toxicity Bibliography* from the Superintendent of Documents will appear in a future issue of the *NLM News*.

Cumulated Index Medicus

The 1965 and 1966 editions of *Cumulated Index Medicus* are now out of print, according to the U.S. Government Printing Office. Johnson Reprint Corporation, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10003, is reprinting *CIM* for these years in four-volume, case-bound sets to appear late in 1968, at $165 for each year's set.

Cumulated Index Medicus, Vol. 8, 1967 is scheduled for delivery this month. Orders are now being accepted by the U.S. Government Printing Office. The price for the 1967 cumulation is $38.00 ($43.00 foreign) per set. Orders should be addressed to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, and should include remittance.

Dr. Joseph Leiter, Associate Director for Library Operations presents a certificate to Tamiko Matsumura, medical librarian, Keio University, Tokyo, recognizing completion of MEDLARS Search training. Other Search Analysts who received certificates on March 29 are (L to R) Estelle Abrams, Indexer, NLM; Ernest Crane, Maureen McDevitt, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association; and Alice Hammond, Ohio State MEDLARS Station.

Programmed Instruction on Index Medicus Being Tested

The Library's Research and Development staff is in the process of evaluating the application of programmed instruction to the development of proficiency in the use of *Index Medicus*. A programmed text written by Mrs. Jane Fulcher, formerly Reference Librarian at NLM, now Medical Librarian of the Washington Hospital Center, is being tested. The current MEDLARS indexer class (*NLM NEWS*, March 1968), a number of library patrons and the Senior Class of the Howard University Dental College are participating. The objective is to assemble data which will assist in the development of improved instructional tools for users of biomedical literature. Librarians who would like to participate in this evaluation may obtain copies of Mrs. Fulcher's text and evaluation questionnaires by writing to Mr. Ralph Simmons, Office of the Associate Director for Research and Development at NLM.

New Unit Added to NLM Modular Exhibit

A display depicting the programs and services at NLM's National Medical Audiovisual Center will be shown for the first time at the Annual Medical Library Association Meeting in Denver, June 11-13. The new display is part of the modular exhibit (*NLM NEWS*, September 1966) which has been shown at professional meetings all over the country.

The modular exhibit, which highlights the history and mission of NLM, Interlibrary Loan, History of Medicine Division, Extramural Programs, MEDLARS, and the National Medical Audiovisual Center is scheduled for presentation during the coming months at the Chicago Dental Society; the Medical Library Association, Denver; American Medical Association, San Francisco; American Library Association, Kansas City; American Hospital Association, Atlantic City; Tenth International Congress of Diseases of the Chest, Washington, D.C.; American Society of Anesthesiology, Washington, D.C.; and the American Dental Association, Miami Beach.

In addition, portable MEDLARS exhibits have been shown at 42 libraries and other institutions since January 1967. These displays are booked through October 1968. Libraries wishing to schedule showings after that date should write to the Library's Office of Public Information.

Law and Medicine Exhibit Being Planned

An exhibit "Law and Medicine" will be presented in the NLM lobby from June 20th through September 16. The Library is inviting librarians, archivists, collectors and others to lend manuscripts, three-dimensional objects, and other items related to the subject.

For further information, or to submit material, write to: Office of Public Information, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, Attention: Mr. Daniel L. Carangi; or call 301-496-6308.

New NLM Literature Searches

Single copies of the following new bibliographies are available on request to the Office of Public Information, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. They should be ordered by number. Please do not send requests on interlibrary loan forms.

L.S. No.	Title
4-68	Emergency psychiatric service. January 1964 - November 1967. (60 citations)
5-68	Intrauterine contraceptive devices (IUD) and intrauterine foreign bodies. January 1964 - September 1967. (362 citations)
6-68	Radioisotope diagnosis of brain neoplasms. Mid-1963- December 1967. (211 citations in English)
7-68	Computers in medicine and biology. Mid-1964 - December 1967. (327 citations)
8-68	Untoward effects of iron. Mid-1963 - September 1967. (178 citations)

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